

## **7TH ANNUAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SYMPOSIUM**

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**GARMISCH, GERMANY**

GUTEN MORGEN! GRUSS GOTT!

TO:

- STATE SECRETARY SCHMIDT
- MINISTER KREUZER
- MAJOR GENERAL LONGO
- BRIGADIER GENERAL BERGER
- BRIGADIER GENERAL KLINK

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GATHER HERE TODAY IS A TESTAMENT TO THE CONTINUED GOODWILL SHARED BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMY EUROPE TEAM. AS WE TRANSFORM U.S. ARMY EUROPE IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD, OUR CONTINUED COOPERATION, MUTUAL SUPPORT AND CLEAR AND

TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION ARE CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING THE LEVEL OF SUCCESS THAT WE HAVE ENJOYED TOGETHER FOR ALMOST SEVENTY YEARS.

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ENABLES US TO DO OUR JOB OF PROVIDING READY AND TRAINED FORCES FOR OPERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD. WHILE WE ARE PREPARING FOR THE NEXT CONTINGENCY, WE DO SO KNOWING THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE BEING CARED FOR BY OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE. IT TRULY IS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF OUR SERVICEMEMBERS, CIVILIANS AND FAMILIES, TO LIVE AND WORK IN YOUR COUNTRY.

RESIDING HERE IN GERMANY ALSO PROVIDES A HOME BASE FROM WHICH WE CAN ENGAGE THE BUNDESWEHR, OUR NATO ALLIES, OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS, AND THE WORLD. WHETHER WE TRAVEL TO NORWAY FOR AN UPCOMING CONFERENCE, HOST A GEORGIAN TRAINING EXERCISE AT HOHENFELS, OR HOST YOUR OWN MEDICAL SOLDIERS IN OUR UPCOMING EXPERT FIELD

MEDICAL BADGE CERTIFICATION, BEING HERE IN GERMANY MAKES ALL OF THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE.

TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR SUCCESSES, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED JUST IN THE LAST YEAR:

ACROSS GERMANY YOUR SUPPORT HAS ENABLED US TO CONTINUE OUR TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS, CONSTRUCTING NEW HOUSING; NEW OFFICE BUILDINGS, SUCH AS OUR NETWORK CONTROL FACILITY IN WIESBADEN; AND VERY SOON, WE WILL BREAK GROUND ON A NEW MEDICAL CENTER AT RHEIN ORDNANCE BARRACKS. THESE PROJECTS PROVIDE INCOME TO GERMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES WHILE PROVIDING U.S. FORCES GREAT FACILITIES IN WHICH WE WORK, LIVE AND TRAIN.

ADDITIONALLY, GERMAN SECURITY FORCES PARTNER WITH THE U.S. ARMY EUROPE TEAM, AS WELL. RIGHT NOW, 40 OF YOUR MEDICS ARE TRAINING WITH OURS IN GRAFENWOEHR TO EARN THEIR EXPERT FIELD MEDICAL BADGE. LAST WEEK, POLIZEI

PROVIDED EXTRA SECURITY ACROSS GERMANY FOR THE  
OPENING DAY OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR, AND THEY ROUTINELY  
PARTICIPATE IN SECURITY EXERCISES AT OUR KASERNES.

THESE ARE BUT JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE GOOD THAT  
GERMANY AND U.S. ARMY EUROPE ACCOMPLISH WHEN WE WORK  
TOGETHER.

IT IS INCUMBENT UPON U.S. ARMY EUROPE TO BE CLEAR IN OUR  
DEALINGS WITH THE GERMAN PEOPLE. THAT IS WHY WE HOST  
SYMPOSIUMS SUCH AS THIS; SO THAT WE CAN SHARE  
INFORMATION AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE  
INITIATIVES TOGETHER.

AS OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR PARTNERS, AND OUR FRIENDS, WE OWE  
YOU NOTHING LESS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SPENDING THIS TIME  
WITH YOU AND BUILDING UPON OUR ALREADY SOLID  
FOUNDATION. THANK YOU.